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Responsible Opioid Prescribing offers physicians effective strategies for reducing the risk of addiction, abuse, and diversion of opioids that they prescribe for their patients in pain. Written by pain medicine specialist Scott M. Fishman, MD, this concise handbook translates the Federation of State Medical Board's *Model Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain* into pragmatic steps for risk reduction and improved patient care, including:

- Patient evaluation, including risk assessment
- Treatment plans that incorporate functional goals
- Informed consent and prescribing agreements
- Periodic review and monitoring of patients
- Referral and patient management
- Documentation
- Compliance with state and federal law

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